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Tsingtao
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Dearest Mummie Mine;

How I've been slow again with letters this time I can't blame having no post office but rush of meetings - but not really a good excuse I should have written sooner.

I wrote just before we went to Chou Tsun + now I've been back a day - + all the rushing since but I'm determined to try to write this A.M. for I do feel badly at times when I'm in not to get letters off frequently!

Your two letters were waiting me here. Dearest faithful mummie - your letters are always here + I do just count on them too so much. We were away about 12 days. I'll tell you about them later -

The mission I was sent me the draft rather than mailing it to you

as we thought just guess they wanted me to sign for it — for safety's sake. So Mumsie dear I'm sending it on to you with my love — you just be happy in using it as it seems best & will give you joy - The fun is to pay up picture & postage bill which is surely that at least; Am so glad to be able to repay at least some of my loan - Mumsie mine —

It is good Mumsie dear, that you can help in the church — various societies & I'm sure even a cleaning of kitchen is as real service. It is so sweet that the Master judges all service for Him not by outward appearance or as men do but by the innermost motive in the heart. That which is from a true heart of love, with the motive of glorifying Him, even as men call it ever so menial, to Him it is big but if from an unwilling heart or for self as motive no matter how big it appears to men — Jesus just doesn't see it.

So the loganberry land is sold. Sam truly glad + thank our Father for His answer to prayer - 500.00 is not bad. Taxes would soon eat it up + the purchase price was at time of highest price of land and so now I think you surely did the very best to sell it for the 500.00 + you will have that to feel more free + easy in your mind. Ray + Bud will know how to advise about where you will put it — maybe now banks are over their failing!

You surely did have a long trip to go the 200 miles in P.M + up to the grave. Any trouble finding it this time? Remember what a time we had!

Nice to have the trip to Salem - Earl too spoke of George's using his horn. He seemed quite proud that George wasn't doin in the same lazy way he had in the past but seemed to be really doing something with it. Roy - I expect Ted been rather poor protector — If he could do that as well as he eats shortcake then that would do! Ha. I'm not thinking so much about the protection — You're right - mumie - God is over it

4. I surely wonder how affairs will turn — You may have seen something of the Jap. here going en masse to British Custom office in protest against Chine firing at a Japanese ship that was smuggling in goods. Japan has just been smuggling over so much these months — No reason at all to Japan's conduct — demanded an apology from customs for doing their duty (that what it amounts to). That affair was while I was away. It isn't settled but everything still here. I think I could evacuate to the villages to Hsu Li Chuang if we ever have to — am not looking for that to for ever so long!

Closing up years affairs at school would make Bessie weary a bit I know of old — glad she'll have some rest now.

Ray would be glad to hear Kagawa — "The Defender" seems to line him up rather darkly taking individual quotations as proof. I'm sorry — I don't quite

5/ understand — after their changes I think they put him a Modernist ~~for~~ sure but more or less of a communistic program. Well, I wonder just what is right. I wonder how much the use or misuse of English may be too blame for the impression. To say he isn't a Christian I don't believe that. No one could have gone thru his years of slum life + sacrifice without Christ — He's been in such close touch with social evils + tried so for a solution that he may have gone off on a tangent — which may sound communistic. Of course to some fundamentalists his more emphasis of social conditions blacks him a modernist. I feel he is a Christian surely! If only the church can do more to remedy these social evils they should but of course the real remedy is to be seen in Christ's return. Even so we can't now - say just "Be warm" "Be fed" + not help to relieve — Seems to me the whole church is in such a mixture — one fighting another — May it become soon + clear up all the mists + differences!

6/ Was interested in your clipping re confucionist missions. Yes Confucius lived before christ some 500 years. He was a great teacher + ruler. When asked about religious matters of immortality etc. He said "Ido not know all of life how can I know of afterlife". He taught that if you displeased Heaven there was no place for you pray. He has disciples but never once claimed for himself to be a god or anything but man. Then after his death the followers first had ceremonies to remember him + that had gradually become a religion, with offerings etc! I expect God was trying to break thru to men as He has at all times revealed certain moral truths before Christ — Confucius had a high moral code - + writings free from any lust + evil but he was man. Then after his death + the worship began this China began to look backward + progress stopped. He taught filial respect for parents that made ancester worship more deeply rooted.

In recent years there's been a revival of Confucianism. It is mostly the scholar-class

7] that worship him. Yes this isn't surprising that they want to send missions nor does it in the least have any relation to us + our work — only shows all the more how much more the church should be doing + praying + that our job here isn't done by far — Remember the line of of Sunday notices in New York Times of all those Seattle temples in New York — Hindu + Buddhist etc. —

At Chowtsun there were nearly 200 delegates from all over Shantung. They were the leaders + ministers of Pres, American Board, Methodist, English Baptist + English Methodists. There were devotional meetings, discussion groups re finances, training volunteer leaders, Home-making Hygiene etc.

I stayed with two English ladies — in a foreign house — but had Chinese food all the time. These ladies are surely "characters" awfully interesting, very British but I love them very much! Should be returning before long + I'll be sorry to have them go.

8) I went to Wilson before conference
was over for three days with Martha
Wylie. Was a bit weary — + she was
at hospital most of the day - so the
first day I slept! That station is
so fine! There is a wonderful spirit
+ all as busy as bees with all sorts
of activities going on in winter time.
Now schools all closed + only four
foreigners there. A visitor from U.S.
came thru then - nice to see her
+ hear U.S. point of view -
Had a nice weiner roast on night
of July 3 in compound | She busy Dr.
called out twice to care for sick during
picnic.
Boy, If you can't borrow then buy or
beg —— the book "C. J. Studd by
Norman Grubb - published by

It was most inspiring to me. I put in
one long day reading it + it was a
rich blessing! Also have you
folks read "The Triumph of John + Betty Stam"

9| This one was by Mrs. Howard Taylor. Have seen the one the Moody Monthly advertises. This one is a C.I.M. publication + it is full of Betty's poetry too - I too read a mountain - peak time of reading. Did it on the train to go back to delegation to go to PoShan "Glass Mountain". That is a couple hours off the R.R. where lovely glass things are made. The mts are filled with coal + minerals - The little old city was surely dirty, coal smoke + dust but outside of it the natural springs + the river coming right out of the mountain + dashing over rocks reminded me of Wallowa + I loved being there. Saw old Bible-style potters making bowls on turning wheels + various kinds of pottery. It was very interesting. I had dreaded going into the heat, up for the conference but how little faith + trust I had. The trip up was hot - that day I feel suffocated - but that night it rained + every day of conference it was cool, with frequent rains. We're glad to get back home again tho.

Mrs. Davies is very ill. Some have gone in to see her so I'll go this a.m.

There's a tea for a new Bride this P.M. + I must get a gift for her — ! There was a big feast for foreigners given by the Miss Ihrs when Jacked the Templetons to help in Seattle. I just made it from the train on Mon. eve. Yesterday — a tea + dinner + station meeting ! Not much free time here. I want to spend most of the rest of the week in preparation for my talk before Mission Executive Comm. ½ hr. devotional — before all these preachers !

I'll close this now to mail it on the way down town. Will write later if I don't see Earl since returning — There will be more news of him next time. Much much love my dearest ones! Richard + Winfield can you beat your Daddy at fishing ?. I'll be rooting for you —

Mrs Fan is fully well now —

Much love to all —

Irene

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Shanghai, China,
(Written from Peiping)
July 14, 1936.

Dear friends:-

More than ever, God has this year used our home where we, and the guests He has sent to us, have met Him. I think I am correct in saying that we have not been at home a whole week during the year without guests staying with us. One guest called the apartment a "hospital for sick souls". I had to learn to let God provide for the expenses of running the household as He saw fit. At the close of one month there was a deficit of $40. On the first a Chinese friend came to me to say that God had guided her to give me some money. She wanted to give me $100, but it seemed to her that God wanted her to give me only $40. Then she felt that she should give the amount in her pocketbook at the time. She counted it. It was just $40. It was a new experience for me to take money from a Chinese friend for helping in household expenses.

I have continued to share in the work of the radio broadcast. The Board of Managers is an inspiring group of Chinese with whom to work. My responsibility for the program has been for the daily noonday meditation. I speak myself only once a week at this time. I am also responsible for the daily Children's Hour in English. This hour was put into the program at the urgent request of parents who felt that their children were being harmed by the Children's Hour from another station. We find that this hour has a good Chinese audience who enjoy the hour, too. Also our program has greatly improved the other station's hour. Also I take the Better Home period in Chinese, or get someone to take it for me. One night I had a man speaking on flowers for the home. It brought forth so many letters that he could not answer them all. Requests come to the station from afar for Bible portions or instructions on how to become a Christian. We have met a number of pastors who have had strangers asking for admittance to the church. They had been listening over the radio for some time and thus become interested.

A young lady became interested and began to attend church regularly. Her parents insisted that she must give up her interest in the Christian religion. When they found out that she was still attending church, they told her that she must make her choice between her home and her religion. They were amazed when their filial daughter quietly told them that if she must choose between her dear ones at home and Christ, she could make no other choice than to follow Christ. Too proud to go to church, they decided to listen in daily on the radio to see what kind of religion this was that had taken such a deep hold on their daughter. They listened to the daily morning prayers, to the character-building story hour, to the medical hour, the Better Home period and to the daily gospel message. The whole family was captured by the call of Christ and all united with the church last Easter. There are over one million radios in China and our new machine is now strong enough to take most of them in. In fact, we have received letters from Korea and Manchuria telling us that they are getting us up there. The man in charge of the Chinese municipal station has asked me to help him in his program work. A great and wonderful door is opened for us in the radio.

Another Chinese enterprise in which I have been asked to join is the Home for Destitute Children. Here again is another group of fine Chinese with whom to work. We usually keep thirty little boys, all of whom have been taken as beggars from the street. They have no relatives. Most of them come from the flood and famine districts of China and by various ways have found their way to Shanghai. We do not take any in over twelve years of age. They study half a day and learn some kind of a trade half of a day. Those who do not care for the life of discipline and work run away and cannot return as someone else is given the place. It is my task to teach those who want to learn gardening, the culture of such foreign vegetables as will bring in money. With what a vim the boys put themselves into the enterprise! it is a joy to see these boys unfold into beautiful self-respecting characters under the influence of Christ and plenty of good work.

As a member of the Advisory Council of the Student Christian Movement this year I have lived with the leaders through some of the questions of what it means to follow Christ in this time of national crisis. Most of them see no other way out than armed resistance. Almost all over China students and civilians are being trained to resist by armed force. It is the tragedy of the age to see China turning from her standards of resistance by superior soul force, which of course has resulted in the end in better economic strength, from that standard which has long preserved her nation, to our barbarous way of mass murder followed by moral and economic collapse.

I must keep you in touch with my young women's group, from non-Christian homes. This year we have spent our time together working out what it means to be a Christian in a non-Christian home. What about ancestral worship? What it means to live Christ's life of unselfish love there and convince others by such a life, rather than by arguing. The Fellowship Group, composed chiefly of Chinese business men and women and teachers, has continued to meet once a week with us. The personal work in which all members take an active part, requires much time. I am sure it is the quickest way to bring our world, however, to the foot of the cross. Some of us have been asked to hold meetings and witness to men high in the Nanking Government. The results have been beyond expectation, but it is too soon to report on this. This week in Peiping I met a man, a graduate of Yale now retired from the diplomatic service, who recently has found God through the influence of some in our group. His sister-in-law's completely changed life together with his brother's had made him most wistfully say often, "I wish I could interpret the Universe that way, but I can't". We were guided to give him just the book he says he needed. He told me he had read it three times. His face was perfectly beautiful when he told me how he had discovered the chief end of man is to enjoy God. His son who has a most promising future, has caught his father's faith and it is a joy to see them together.

Religion as a form or a philosophy only, will never hold much longer, I am sure. It must become a vital force. Then, too, as I see the international situation developing, it looks as if we are headed pell-mell for destruction, unless we do put Christ, first in the center of our individual lives, and then as a result, in the center of our corporate life. We women must drop everything else and get as busy about bringing our friends and neighbors to Christ as we were doing war work during the world war. Contagious living of a Christ-centered life is the most effective way, I am sure, and this we can all do as we allow Christ to fill our lives.

Yours for victory in Christ's name,

Aimee B. Millican

(Mrs. Frank R.)

Please send letters to above address

6 Lei Yang Road
Tsingtao. Shantung
July 16, 1936

Dearest Mummie Mine;
Another little visit - I have been trying to get my "Thank-you" for money gifts cleared up. I have written some today. Not all done yet - I have account one of 29.52 from Enterprise to answer. That lady in Colborne, Canada sent another 4.94 China for the children church - Woodburn 26.4.5. for our station budget, & Roseburg S.S. $39.50 me.

I've got the report at the printers & this time have changed form a bit. Since I can get a cut for about a dollar - Mine I'm going

2] surprise everyone with a picture of us three on front page. Blue type may be a change - but maybe it doesn't look dignified - that that I'm dignified (Ray would object to that) but the cause I mean.

I had an interesting experience this week. Was led to write to the general Chiang + write Kai-Shek (head of govt of China) a few words that we are praying for him in this time of national crises. There has been grave danger of civil war + all the rest. I just felt he should know that we sympathize. See it is the first time in history that a Christian has been at head of government in China. + he's a mere Christian +

problems are just terrific too.
Today I received an immediate
answer from his wife on his
stationery thanking me for the
letter saying they were deeply
touched to get it. We've had
a prayer meeting just after
lunch for five days + it
has been well worth it!
Everyday (the folks have full
schedules) there have been 5 or
6 to pray for China + other requests.
Mrs. Davies has seemingly gotten
out of danger of peritinitis - she
was near death 3 days + nights
another baby restored. It seems
God was just pleased with
our calling on Him + has
given these visible proofs
of His presence. It is wonderful
to just fit into His will.
That verse "God looked and
wondered that there was no
intercessor" implies that there
is much it is God is just waiting
to do.. to pass by

4) prayers of more men. My! but
I dare say to leave so
much to men's choices!
Matter, Miss Hue came the
other day + brought a
piece of your Christmas cake!
Imagine! I was sure the last
crumb was gone! She'd saved
her Christmas piece + then
brought it to surprise me!
Sweet of her.
There is a very fine Chinese
Bible teacher here at a local
church were hearing to
hear these few nights - last
night caught in the rain
but a lady brought
us home in a car. That was
nice. I got awful streak +
bought a couple of ready
made dress - one blue + white
plaid + pale green voile, made
by that good shop. By fixing
over so [illegible] - will that

dresses I had made over last summer + then I think I can do now till furlo. My shoes were bad — even mine I two + Tom suggested me to get some others so had some sandals made — 3.50 chine $1.4.S. that if I can find a cheap little piquie hat will fit me for rest of time till furlo. I will try not get much + then get new then. I really wear my clothes very little tho. It is these few months in summer that are hardest on clothes.

Mother please see if you can get me a couple of pearl pennies stones. I have two extra but they are too fine. I have one too coarse. My one I use all the time has been broken. I've glued it but ha.. to be so careful

Lab Manual Book Report due Jan. 15
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Term Paper due Mar. 5
Comedy Romance
Tragedy Mystery
Science Fiction
Western
Romance movies — 3:20 pm
Comedy movies — 2:15 pm
Tragedy movies — 2:45 pm
Science Fiction movies — 1:30 pm
Western movies — 4:00 pm
Mystery movies — 2:00 pm
Horror movies — 1:00 pm
Musical movies — 3:00 pm
Cartoon movies — 12:30 pm
Documentary movies — 11:45 am

(6) who knows when it will
unusable! A medium
coarse one — please —
maybe wrap it a bit so it
won't get knocked + broken,

I have put in an electric
plate — rent it from company
some 50 ¢ a month +
now that the cheap current
goes thru the house it
makes it ever so nice!
So much cooler,

Water is hot will go
up + eat a piece of
your cake + postum.
Much much love
dearest ones —
Earl was in for a few minutes
today —

Irene

6 Tri Yang Road
Tsingtao, Shantung
August 1. 1934

Dearest Mumie Mine:

Oh! that wonderful cake!
Mumie dear thank you so
so much for all your loving
thought & planning & making
it. It isn't easy at all to
get it off - box made & all.
It came thru in fine shape
without the least spoiling
& not too dry - It surely is really moist.
good - Guess mine turned wrapping it while hot was good I guess.
out over the Christmas cake
you decided to try another.
You mustn't trouble tho
so much Lamy - Thank
you. Miss Hsia & Miss Lam
were here when we opened
it & enjoyed it too.
I forgot to give Earl a piece
I must leave him a piece.

3] guess my patience is far
from perfect so need to start
another one. Koo was sick
+ wife had an older man
who wasn't very satisfactory
thought this boy knew good
Chine food but is greener
than Koo was — but seems to
be teachable + is a christian
that's something to be glad
for. Using helpers — while
it may sound grand, isn't
a bed of roses — This lad
has been a christian four years
then his mother believed + sister
+ they were so persecuted in
their village that the elders
all wanted to run them out.
They couldn't even hire their
necessary farming. Finally
the the Lord has led another

2] Have seen quite a bit of Kim. The Lautenschlagers are moving to Seoul so had a farewell dinner for them Sun. evening - all our station + Earl. He came in new white civie suit - not acc. to rules but guess he likes to get out a uniform once in a while — He's had some dates with a girl staying at Ella Gerhart's a teacher from American school in Korea — so that's helped. There is no <u>little</u> of good open to the boys here + plenty of the other that I'm glad to help along on the latter. He seems to like it here - being stationed on the shore is a desirable post.

Well, a change in cooks — I sigh — but

4 family to welcome + they will help them to farm. They are poor + need his being able to work. So maybe this taking him, the 30 acres, in gods plan to help them a bit. We will see!

I am enclosing the picture of mine for matter for you, a bit light struck This shows the thatch-roofed house - which is their southern courtyard wall. I thought you'd like to know how She has been so good to me!

Glad the boys earned wrist watches by cherry-picking Yes, fried-chicken is my weakness I haven't had any for long time — You enjoy them for me — a piece! U.S. surely is having drought + floods too. No

5 part of the world does still to ~~it~~ free. West Shanting is in for more I fear! Time to look up + water! - for surely it is beginning of end - of course God's "soon" may be many years but somehow can't think it will be so long. Sorry Bellis are losing such a boss. Please tell them - It has rained here most of July. Of course in city with paved streets we feel it less than the country with its mud. How were thinking of my little crop of millet? Funny? Yes - Will see how it turns out; The rose display are lovely - the floats - when people put God first & then use His created things to glorify Him, see! Him in them it will be better - yes hungry - but

6 it is wonderful how I keep such quantities of flowers + lovely things in the world to somehow remind us of Him. He ox-team float was lovely - Somehow I can't realize where such clouds of lovely blossoms come from.

Last week Roberta Lutzburg's wedding was a big event along with 18 days Chinese Conference. all have kept me on the go continually.

The wedding was the loveliest one I've seen in years! Mme Lang that French-Shop dressmaker did the duties for all the party + she just lovely — in the big german church which lends itself so well + Roberta was too sweet. Mary + I did the bouquets for bride + Matron of honor. Then

1] (that wasn't clear - I'm just out of paper. Will get some printed when I come back)
there was a big reception here at Ruth's + we had such fun with fixing a car with tin cans etc. They went to the 200 mts for a few days -

There were nearly 200 in for conference (Lutheran + Pres.) 10 days. First few days we were getting them all settled + helping them old village folk get into "city ways" Some no pillows Some no covers etc -
The days have been lovely really - full of some wonderful messages - All had a tea - + then Mon - Erma Moody (Lutheran) + I entertained all the women here in my room + Gardner's Study next door

8] I'd been invited to some many of their homes, it was nice to have them here.

Well, another event Too of these rushed days was the death of Mrs. Davies. She's suffered terrifically to no. She had gall stones + bladder trouble — When I saw her She was just orange color- Her lovely white hair the only natural part. Mr. Davies is alone — no children - but it was his prayer that she go first. She was cremated: I'd never want that done — he may take her ashes home so that's why. You remember that letter to you was from Mr. Davies - when I went on furlough.

I have had so many errands piled up — + each one has taken many trips — more studies in patience

9] at last I've gotten Elizabeth pajama + kimona + slippers but not the ones I planned but will have to ask her to accept these. I'll enclose a note for her.

This year when I came from Chautauqua Mary Van had just lovely regal lilies, all th the nicest yet — from those seeds - She's babied + nursed them this long. I thought of "Bel" + her seed. Tu did not had a quart's worth but they were lovely!

A Roomer that's nice + the boards with you also That's nice — + your taxi ride etc.

I must close this now. Am going to Pittsfield to for a conference with

10] Martha Wylie for a couple of weeks - expecting to rest a lot. No rest here in Irigtoo. Soo many demands + quests etc - So I'll write from there go for passport this a.m. + Chiene viré etc -

Will answer your last letter later -

much love -

Jeanne -

Pei Tai Ho, Hopei
August 14. 1936

Dearest Mumsie Mine d'all:

It is time for a visit with you + this afternoon while all are away + I'm out on the porch with this wonderful view before me as an impetus I ought to get the letter off, at least begun — There is a 3/4 complete circle of water to be seen from this house — upon a high point at the summer vacation place of north China Pei tai Ho. We are at Dr. Wyckis home — Martha's brother. Dr. Wyckis located in Peking so they are very near here. The house is on quite the highest point + the there are houses below + all around none obstruct the view of the sea. At the right one sees lovely blue ragged + tilted mountains across the bay + at their base is Chinwangtao + it is not far from there that one end of the great wall of China runs down to the sea. Then all to the West + South there is an open expanse of water — on, on, to U.S.A. The sea is a bit grey this afternoon for we've just had rain + the sky is not clear yet.

It is much more quiet here + more rural than out at the Peitak, the summer

21 houses near Shingtao. The yards are all big here, not nearly so closely crowded + no cars, not nearly so citified; We use lamps here. tho there is electricity over at the Conference grounds where we stayed last week. I enjoy its stillness. Am not sure how many people there are here but little groups of houses scattered out. We have such good food - Mrs Wylie is an excellent housekeeper - We use goats milk! first I've ever tasted it - Someone from Peking brings down his goat - dairy.

Yesterday P.M. we went to the Seatts from Tsinan, the grandparents of the "Miracle Baby" Helen Priscilla Stam, for tea. Her daughters + their babies all live a wonderful family. The one is Mrs May going to Wuhsien + the other is Mrs. Stevenson from Canton. Meet a number of the folks of north China, who had only been names before to me. They live far from the road way down in the woods, such a lovely restful spot.

Not far from here we can see where the Japanese are smuggling in goods to a big warehouse not so far from here

6 Tsi Yang Road
Tsingtao, China
August 29. 1934

Dearest Mummie!

I have been back a week from Pei Tai Ho & Peiping (Peking). I went to the latter two days with Martha Wylie to get a fur coat for another person so I got Christmas things & some more for Eula while I was there. I hadn't expected to go there but surely did enjoy it — I suppose few places in the world are as fascinating as Peking shops & seem especially cheap this year. I didn't spend very much — little on myself — got some gifts for Chinese family too. Didn't get anything to lay up to bring home but things to send now.

Matter — I'm sending a package to Eula in it are:

1. your Christmas gift — Those are Peking things — one is of carved lacquer, I have not declared the Christmas

2] gifts in the value 2. I have is a package of tiny handkerchiefs + a carved ivory clasp - easy to put in an envelope to send to Warren + Je Etta + George I have their address. Keep charge the postage on account.

3. Eula's + Ray's + boy's Christmas in one package. — open at Christmas that is if Ray can wait!

4. A replica of old Chinese coins for boys to open now, explantion inside

5. The five dollars' purchases for Eula to give to folks. They cost a bit more but "my exchange is high" so count it 30 + balanced + with heaps of love. I hope you'll like the things I took quite a lot of time + looking here + Peiping but if they will give joy that is enuf. I'll enclose the exact price list in case you have to pay a lot of duty. I declared it at $1.50 but it is fair to declare an estimated wholesale price - so the China Council office told us in Shanghai. For several years I've not declared

3] Christmas gifts + so hasn't included them - if you have - to pay duty I hope only on these things. Hope you won't have to tho. Let me know how you like the things + if they are useable!

Found your letters waiting + I was so glad to hear. So nice the boys had a nice camp + such a fine record as fishermen! Nice spring had nice fruit. Oh my! I thank Him that spring food + clothes + are safe! Such reports of drought + suffering over all the world. How grateful we should be! my! I thank Him for His care of you - getting lots sold etc. + all. Eula Lamy, I wished you'd gotten your hair done - but the Master knows the love in the gift to Him. It made me nearly weep - a sort of catch in my throat - to realize how many such + ever more costly sacrifices are keeping the fires burning over all the world + incidentally caring for me! Oh to be worthy + to act + speak worthy of the grace received. a mighty big standard - a big challenge

4] Were reading in Eph 4 this a.m. this growing up in the image of Christ is not an "imputed righteousness" but the other side of the truth of imputed righteousness actual living out in daily life — real experience of being changed into His image. How He must suffer over our stupidity + slowness + that we grow so slowly, How we delay His coming. Please give my love to those who remember, Ruth Crafts + Miss Black who is helping with the report. I was counting some ten dish towels that I have'nt used yet + so grateful for them. How nice that Miss Black can help you - Who is she? Tell me if you can. I surely do remember Mrs. Van Way + the basket of lovely flowers - I can never forget them. Glad you went for ride. Please give her my regards.

That is fine that you can be at Sister - + you've traveled some too. + ine to have the mill + to be a help now - Glad that the check was all right. Likely the bank is the best place. How I keep it where

5| can get it easily & am so glad to have it for you Mumsie Mine. I'm still holding the remainder & if you need it just tell me. I don't put it out on interest either but in Mission Treas. acct. I don't want it to fly away on a bank failure somewhere.
I did write direct to Bertha but Miss Hsu didn't come again to get her name & address even. If Bertha gets her, well, it will fine - I did my best in describing her. She's not all one could wish spiritually — but neither are any of us —

I see Earl quite often - today I had a table of guests at Chinese Y.M.C.A. & Earl & one of his buddies came too. He's getting quite adept on chopsticks - I haven't been able to play with him very much but a teacher of music at American school in Korea has gone out with him & I kept him out of more mischief. I think he's not such a bad lad — I mean when speaking of ordinary sailors in comparison. Spiritually I don't gotten very far with him. His work hours have I kept him from church,

6.) You remembered to send some extra reports to the Board didn't you. Didn't Mrs. Burkhart say some 20. Sorry for the error of the =Ick on first page — No I don't want the typewriter at all! Thanks, Sis for the love-hate-that lady was nice to send her car.

Last night we had such a nice weiner roast - Martta invited some folks - we all were on the big rock & then one played violin & guitar afterwards Lovely moon light! Going to Mary Vais all of us tonight. That ired end my writing & going. except going out to Mrs. Eams tomorrow. Will be glad to get back to villages — It is really much more satisfying & all!

Bye dear ones, I'll write from up in the mountains

I love you dearest ones - will be wonderful to see you in 3 years -

Lovingly, Irene.

6 Tsi Yang Road
Tsingtao,
September 11, 1936

Dearest Mumsie Min + all:

We came back after a week away + have been here since Sunday + are leaving Saturday for a couple of months now. So today is busy with preparations. I want to get this note off anyway before I go. Your August 13 letter came the night we came in. Deane + Stella were here at Ruth's when I (full upthe stairs getting into Ruth's front door) the commotion brought Deane to the door + to the surprise of both, Ruth had us there for dinner with them. Deane + Stella are out at the Eames's cottage for a couple of weeks. It was good to see them. Just same as ever. Earl + I went out to their place for supper next Eve. + had a very nice time

2) I stayed over an extra day — + so had a bit of time with Earl. Yesterday went to a restaurant for dinner with him. Stella + a friend came along just as I was going to meet him so we went with them + had Russian food at a nice place by the sea. It was a glorious day + we visited a exhibit. Then wandered back + shopped. To get little fresh fruit (none really) + few vegetables in navy so Earl has enjoyed a change. He was hungry for apples yesterday so we bought some — brought them up here to wash them + let him have a fill up of pears + apples! He'll be here a month about yet. Sorry not to be seeing him again but it has

3) been nice to have him here. Have been away pretty much but he's had a nice summer, Will come up about nine today + I'll see him again.

We were up in the mountains where we went last years + ah how I just revelled in those mountain + the turning waters - tall. Best of all we had the realest sense of God's leading us + meeting the situation there in that little church of ten families. They've been in the laurels + just impoverished over it — they were already not wealthy - It was their fault - they were in the wrong - that they realize it + admit it of course helps but doesn't bring their money back. This time was to help them get out of a pit of hating the man who was mostly responsible, blaming God — feeling utterly deserted. It was like comforting a child who had

4) been well spanked but needed to be comforted & helped to go on. They surely responded & were just ready to give us their hearts — but their expression was limited to bean, egg & squash & vegetables — all they had — How we prained him for His wonderful guiding in every message & in the weather sun (they'd have been harvesting but for the rain the latter sent & gave them time for the four meetings each day. I love to be up in those mountains. Maybe in another year we can go again.

Mrs Ito just came & her mother just isn't well at all, 40 some days hasn't been able to eat very much. It is a big sacrifice to go & leave her. How I pray that she will be kept for Mrs

5] Haw for many years yet. Her family problem is a difficult one — her husband some years ago took a second wife + now has a son by her. Miss Hue + her mother are very close — each finding joy in the other. The Master's grace is surely been great in enabling Miss Hue to be sweet in such a homelife.

Our station - pretty much flat again. Mr. Van Buren is in the hospital - heart trouble + Comrade Lane taken 2 boys to Swan + Lad towels out + Mr. C. is too also if they find him fit condition. My! but this station has been thru the refining fires! I wonder when will ever get purified!

I'm sure it is all in His purpose for good.

So glad you've had a nice visit with Hazel & the great niece — Beverley Ann Such a nice name —

Stella just came in telling of their bicycle (Borrowed one) being stolen & how the pickola man gave waving & Leone & the shapman & all gone close — they got the wheel back again after most waiting. Stella asked about you — We had most fun recalling New York incidents & jokes.

Must get off —

Dearest Mumsie mine

much much love,

Irene